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### Thanks

... to those who attended this week's School Cross Country event  
... to Leroy Lawrence for his contributions to staff meeting this week, great to have you there Leroy.

### People of the week

... our cross country runners  
... Mr Schuster and team for organising a great cross country  
... the recipients of kindness virtue awards  
... those who sat this week's International Schools Maths exam  
.. Elijah L who placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall and Jack H 8<sup>th</sup> overall (he placed 4<sup>th</sup> on the rings) in a Lvl 2 gymnastic event on the weekend. Their team also won 1<sup>st</sup> place.  
.. Josiah P who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in Lvl 1 gymnastics and his team also won 1<sup>st</sup> place.

### Term calendar *(We will advise further dates as these come to hand)*

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| 19 August    | Choir Festival   |
| 20 August    | Zone cross country (Te Horo)                           |
| 24 August    | Regional Science Fair                                  |
| 25 August    | Hearing and Vision testing (New Entrants)              |
| 26 August    | Year 6, 7 & 8 visit to science fair and public library |
| 1 September  | Interschool cross country                              |
| 15 September | Year 7 and 8 trip to Waitangi                          |
| 16 September | Talent Quest   |
| 25 September | Final day of term 3                                    |

### Interschool Cross Country – Barge Park – 1 September

Consents for the Interschool Cross Country have been issued to those children who qualified at our school event. Please ensure these are returned to school by 20 August so that we can fill any vacant spaces. Any question to Mrs Sinclair please. Further details to follow.

### After School Care Programme

Past efforts to get an After School Care Programme up and running at Matarau School have folded due to lack of support. Most providers will 'give it a go' only if there are a core of people committing to use such a programme most days of the week, most week of the school year. We are aware that some parents are using similar services in town, and are keen for us to see if support for a local alternative has grown. So ... if you think you would use an After School Care service on site at Matarau School on a regular (as opposed to intermittent) basis, please give Helen a call next week. If there is interest from enough people we will scope further.

### Talent Show

... coming up 16 September. Interest growing but would like to see more ... all talents welcome. Auditions start in a couple of weeks. We will keep you posted.



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### School Cross Country

We are pleased to announce the following placings. Congratulations to all of these children.

| Age Group      | 1 <sup>st</sup>   | 2 <sup>nd</sup>        | 3 <sup>rd</sup>         | 4 <sup>th</sup>   | 5 <sup>th</sup>        | 6 <sup>th</sup>          |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 13 Yr Girls    | Lauren Park       | Junhee Kwan            |                         |                   |                        |                          |
| 13 Yr Boys     | Ollly Parker      | Tyrone Fred            |                         |                   |                        |                          |
| 12 Yr Girls    | Grace Wiegiersma  | Elizabeth Townley      | Ella Williams           | Jina Lee          | Megal Elias            | Hannah Curran            |
| 12 Yr Boys     | Jacob Attwood     | Joseph Jongkind        | Johnathan Dunn          | Isaac Williams    | Gyuhan Lee             | Jayden Oppert            |
| 11 Yr Girls    | Emily Darroch     | Jynaia Hewson          | Olivia Morgan           | Aimee Clemow      | Maddison Fred          | Lili Pitchforth          |
| 11 Yr Boys     | Thomas Donelley   | Evan Meldrum-Greenwood | Conal Andersen          | Lucas Payne       | Sean Pivac             | Brigham Lawrence         |
| 10 Yr Girls    | Amy Sampson       | Eve Finalyson          | Mya Simes               | Shiphrah Jongkind | Tahi-Ora Tito          | Brianna Powell           |
| 10 Yr Boys     | Ben Rickey        | Connan Wiegiersma      | Rueben Barnes           | Nathan Hare       | Kobi Reid              | Connor Hegh              |
| 9 Yr Girls     | Caitlin Henry     | Jade Bean              | Brooke Hay              | Nicole Hampshire  | Jungmin Park           | Natalie Covacich         |
| 9 Yr Boys      | Jayden Vercoe     | Harley Harwood         | Niko Fagalima-Robertson | William Payne     | Tokomauri Tito         | Jacob Pivac              |
| 8 Yr Girls     | Esther Wiegiersma | Charlee Leith          | Alex Henry              | Paige Bennett     | Suzie Finlayson        | Melissa Hampshire        |
| 8 Yr Boys      | Harrison Brooker  | Ephraim Jongkind       | Dylan Sampson           | Asher O'Donnell   | Kiran Hare             | Riley Stephen-Green      |
| Yr 3/4 Girls   | Mila Pivac-Hohaia | Erica Powell           | Alyssa Lomas            | Natasha Nyhuis    | Naeveh Neho            | Isabelle Ellis           |
| Yr 3/ Boys     | Caden Gunson      | Ivan Baker             | Riley Perris            | Joshua Tito       | Jesse Brown-Williamson | Migel Shortland-Mendez   |
| Yr 2 Girls     | Summer Dackers    | Isabella Attwood       | Summer Curnow           | Olivia Bradley    | Tayla Bennett          | Gema Osborne             |
| Yr 2 Boys      | Leon Wiegiersma   | Sebastian Brooker      | Conrad Martin           | Te Aarahi Tito    | Van Leith              | Luke O'Donnell           |
| Yr 0 / 1 Girls | Kaylee Bean       | Brooke Tito            | Lydia Jongkind          | Indi-Lee Ruddell  | Caeli Payne            | Brianna Brown-Williamson |
| Yr 0/ 1 Boys   | Dane Gunson       | Ben Donaldson          | Ryan Watkins            | Caleb Webster     | Kieran Langley         | Beau Brown               |

### Matarau Netball

Well Done to the following "Players of the Day"



Yr 2 - Isabell A  
Summer D



Yr 3 - Paige B  
Greah S

### Signage ... can you help?

We know that we need to replace / upgrade many of our school signs. Signage can be expensive, and we like to use your money wisely. If you know of anyone who might be able to give us some favourable rates, please contact Kevin or Helen next week.

### Our focus virtue for the next month or so is TRUTHFULNESS

Please discuss the truthfulness virtue with your children over coming weeks. Spend time talking about why truthfulness matters, how you practice it in your life, and maybe set some truthfulness goals.

Please contact the school office if you did not receive the support material sent out last week.

## Important High School Information Dates

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| 17 <sup>th</sup> August  | <b>HERE</b> – WGHS Interviews and Enrolments 9am-12.30pm<br><i>Bookings to be made through our school office please</i>   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> August  | WGHS – Enrolments begin at WGHS<br>If you are unable to make interviews and enrolments here on 17 <sup>th</sup> August you can make an appointment through WGHS – Start Time 8.45am |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> August  | Huanui College – Open Evening from 6.30pm-8.30pm<br><i>Also..... Tours by Principal every Tuesday morning at 9.30am</i>   |
| Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov | WGHS – Orientation Day  |
| Nov                      | WBHS – Interviews and Enrolments start.   |

### KHS and WGHS Enrolment Interviews

Please be aware that if you have not managed to attend or book an interview at either of the above schools you will need to make your own arrangements with the school concerned.

### Those attending WGHS Interviews are asked to bring

Both student and a parent/caregiver will need to attend the enrolment interview. Please bring along the following documentation with you to the interview:

- Completed Enrolment Form
- Copy of birth certificate
- Copy of Report
- Copy of Evidence of Residency and Passport Details (if not NZ Citizen)
- Copy of Evidence of Guardianship (if applicable)
- Payment of fees

### Choir performance at Forum North – 18 & 19 August

More to follow but please pencil in the evenings of 18 and 19 August to support our choir at the Choir Festival to be held at the Capitaine Bougainville Theatre on these evenings.

Performances start 7:00pm on both nights, children are expected at the venue no later than 6:40pm please, with pick up from the rear entrance to the theatre at 8:30-8:45pm. Please ensure that children wear their Matarau T-shirts. Tickets (\$10 per adult, \$8 per child) are available from ticketek. The theme this year is "HAPPY".

### Calf Club Day – Thursday 22nd October 2015

A reminder - you need to start thinking now if your child/ren want to rear calves, lambs or goats. The animal must be born after 1st July 2015. Calves are judged on rearing and leading. Lambs are judged on rearing, leading & calling. Goats are judged on rearing, leading & calling.



All kindness originates from God

You can also bring a 'pet' which can include cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, fish, chicken etc. Note that NO DOGS or PUPPIES are permitted and the animal will need to be in a cage for the duration of the day.



**Please do not bring pregnant animals or new-borns on the day as this could put them under stress that would not be good for their health. Also please make sure you bring along food and water for your animals as it can be a long day for them especially if it is sunny and hot.**

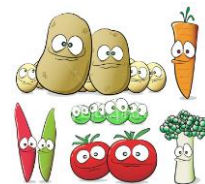
More information will be sent home closer to the end of the term.

### Visit to Science Fair

Please return consents for the Year 6, 7 and 8 trip to the Science Fair and Public Library on Wednesday 26 August. Children will travel by bus leaving 10:45am, returning by 3:00pm (year 6 children will need to pay \$5 for their bus fare - the year 7 and 8 fare will be paid for from their activity fee). Children need to bring their lunch, drink bottle and their Matarau School T-Shirt.

### **Home Gardens**

Expression of Interest forms were sent out last week. Please note that these are due back by 21 August please. If your child did not bring a form home, and you would like one, please contact the school office.



### **Payments Via Internet Banking**

If you have indicated that you are making payments via internet banking for Calendars, Trips or Hangi's at Te Horo and you have not as yet made the payment, could you please do so ASAP. Prepayment is required for these.

### **Carpark Congestion / Safety**

It is inevitable that the carpark will get busy and somewhat congested either side of 3:00pm bell. Thank you so much for the care you take at this time ... children can be erratic and are not always easy to see.

In order to reduce congestion, and make things a little safer, we would encourage parents of older (non-junior) children to either ...

... pick their child(ren) up from the bottom bus bay

... to maybe delay pickup to 3:10/15 (as opposed to 3:00) to reduce congestion in the period immediately following final bell.

No matter what, please continue to be careful when driving past the school in the periods 8:30 to 9:00am and 3:00-3:30pm.

### **Cambridge update**

We are keen for parents (especially those of children in years 7 and 8) to be well informed on the above programme, and the reasons why we are going down this track. This is a very significant step, with the potential to change our programmes quite significantly. Even though the greatest impact will be at year 7 and 8, there will naturally be 'ripples' to lower levels over time.

If you did not receive a copy of the FAQ sheets sent out with last week's newsletter, further copies are available from the school office. A series of after school meetings will be held in a month or so, and an evening meeting if this is requested. Kevin is also available by appointment (or take your chances around 3:00 PM) to answer questions one to one.

### **You might be interested**

... that grammar and punctuation are two areas of school wide focus this year. Starting next week, children will take part in a moderated assessment task which will give us an indication of which students need extra work, and of how our students are performing in relation to their peer group nation-wide. We will let you know what we find.

### **If planning time away from school for your children**

.. please arrange this for term break where possible. If this is not possible (we do understand) please email the school with a formal request for exemption from school stating grounds (e.g. family, educational etc.) We can have a response back to you within a day or two.

### **Out of zone places**

We can now advise the number of places available for out of zone students for 2016 as follows (subject to possible minor adjustments ..

... sufficient places will be made available for siblings of current students

.. seven places have been reserved at year 1 for out of zone students (priorities 3 through 6)

.. eight places have been reserved at years 7 and 8 (priorities 3 through 6)

These places will be publicly advertised approximately mid-September, closing date 14 October, ballot date 21 October. Application forms will be available at the school office from next week.



### Finally

A special best wishes to our school choir for their performances next week. Thank you for all of the hard work you have put in over recent months. We are looking forward to the performance.

Regards

Kevin Trehwella  
PRINCIPAL

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children, please support them



### Lost

If your child has picked up a pair of sports shoes in error, with green on them and green laces, that would fit approx 6 year old, could you please return them to school.

### Community Notices

**LOST** – Kea trailer tailboard somewhere along Rushbrook / Matarau / Pipiwai Roads on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August. If found please phone Ben on 433 8371.

**Housekeeper Wanted** - We need a housekeeper for our home at the Worsnop Road end of the school zone. 2-3 hours per week. Please phone Sandy on 433 5622 evenings only.

Whangarei Coral Society – presents Down Memory Lane, St John's Church, Kamo Rd, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm. Admission by programme: Adults \$20, Seniors \$15, Children under 15 yrs free.

## Supporting success in your school.

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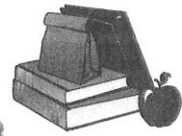
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# Truthfulness



## What is Truthfulness?

Truthfulness is being honest in your words and actions. You don't tell lies, even to protect yourself from getting into trouble. You don't listen to gossip and prejudice. You see with your own eyes and make up your own mind about what is true. Being true to yourself means being who and what you are, without exaggerating to impress others or trying to look like something you are not. It is being yourself, your true self.

## Why Practice It?

Without truthfulness, no one can tell if someone is lying or telling the truth. They cannot be trusted to tell what is a story and what really happened. They get imagination mixed up with reality. When people are truthful, they say what they mean and mean what they say. Truthfulness builds trust. People know where they stand with a truthful person.



## How Do You Practice It?

Always choose to tell the truth. If someone asks your opinion, give it – tactfully! When you make a mistake, admit it rather than trying to cover it up. Instead of listening to gossip, find out the truth for yourself. Recognize the difference between fantasy and reality. If you start telling a story, stop and tell what really happened. Let people see you as you are, without trying to look more important. You are truly worthy just as you are.

The Virtues Project



## What would Truthfulness look like if...

- Someone tells you that your best friend is saying mean things about you and doesn't want to be your friend anymore?
- You find yourself making excuses to cover up a mistake?
- You feel like exaggerating how well you did in a sport event?
- A friend asks you what you think of the strange outfit he is wearing?
- Someone makes a comment about all people of a different race?
- You feel like making up a fantastic story to scare your little sister?

## Signs of Success

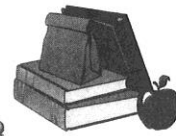
Congratulations! You are practicing Truthfulness when you...

- Speak only the truth
- Practice justice by investigating the truth for yourself
- Don't let others tell you what to think
- Can tell the difference between fact and fantasy
- Admit it when you have made a mistake
- Know you are enough – don't exaggerate or deceive to impress others

## Affirmation

*I am truthful. I speak the truth. I see the truth with my own eyes. I have no need to impress others or exaggerate. I am content to be my true self.*

# Activities with Truthfulness



## True or False

Make up a list of true statements, such as "The grass is green" mixed with outrageous statements, such as "Money grows on trees." and have students check true or false boxes.

## Story

Read or tell the Aesops Fable of "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" and discuss how the boy felt and what he can do to make amends. Ask "What would you do to make it right if you told a lie?"



## Virtues Reflection Questions

- ❶ What it would feel like to have a good friend tell you a lie?
- ❷ What does the liar feel after telling a lie?
- ❸ Why do we sometimes try to exaggerate what we do or what we have?
- ❹ How does truthfulness help our relationships?
- ❺ What are some things you truly care about?
- ❻ What are some things you truly like to do?
- ❼ What would you do or say if someone began gossiping or saying prejudiced things in front of you?



## Drawing Truthfulness

Make a collage or drawing to show several of the virtues you truly have, that describe your true self.



## Poster Points

- ❶ The truth shall set us free.
- ❷ True to my word.
- ❸ True to myself.



## Quotable Quotes

*"This above all – to thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."*

William Shakespeare

*"Tell the truth. Do it now."* Werner Erhardt

*Truth is the secret of eloquence and of virtue, the basis of moral authority. It is the highest summit of art and life."* H.F. Amiel

*"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."*

Henry David Thoreau

*"Truth exists. Only lies are invented."*

Georges Braque

*"To love truth for truth's sake is the principal part of human perfection in this world, and the seed-plot of all other virtues."* John Locke

*"An exaggeration is a truth that has lost its temper."* Kahlil Gibran

*"Be truthful, gentle and fearless."* M.K. Ghandi





## **School Cross Country**

